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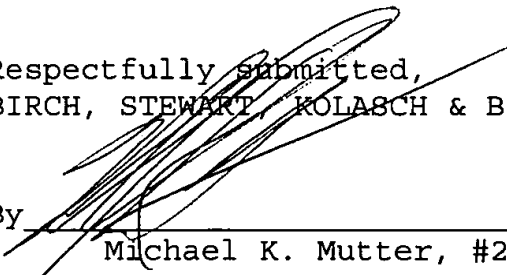
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Sir:

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Genco for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative, Carolyn T. Baumgardner, during the April 2, 2003 telephonic interview. During the telephonic interview, we discussed the rejection of dependent claims 2-5 compared with the rejection of independent claim 1. As a result of our discussion, Examiner Genco agreed to issue a supplemental Office Action, restarting the period for reply, clearly setting forth the rejection of claims 2-6 in the respective headings.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this matter, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, DC area.

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